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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: AVINASH S. PATWARDHAN ET AL.
APPLICATION No.: 10/714,590
FILED: November 13, 2003
FOR: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR WATER QUALITY
TRADING

EXAMINER: ADITYA S. BHAT
ART UNIT: 2863
CONF. No: 1690

Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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Sir:

In the Notice of Allowability mailed October 17, 2005, the Examiner allowed claims 1-29. Although the applicants' attorney agrees with the Examiner's conclusion that these claims are allowable, the applicants' attorney notes that the claims may be allowable for reasons other than those identified by the Examiner and does not concede that the Examiner's characterizations of the terms of the claims and the prior art are correct.

Respectfully submitted,
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Date: December 22, 2005

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